

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A foldable electronic apparatus comprising
a first part of the electronic apparatus;
a second part of the electronic apparatus, each of the first and second parts having
a central plane; and
an elastic sheet having a first end fixed to said first part, a second end fixed to said
second part, and a longitudinal axis extending from said first end to said second end, said elastic
sheet being foldable transversely of said longitudinal axis so that said first part is pivotable with
respect to said second part from a closed position to an open position, said central planes of said
first and second part being approximately parallel and said elastic sheet being folded transversely
of said centerline in said closed position, said elastic sheet, when folded transversely of said
centerline, loading said first part away from said second part toward a longitudinally unloaded
position of said sheet, said open position of said first and second parts corresponding
approximately to said longitudinally unloaded position of said elastic sheet, wherein a transverse
section of said elastic sheet proximate at least one of said first and second ends of said elastic
sheet is curved for stabilizing said longitudinally unloaded position, wherein a center of
curvature of said transverse section of said elastic sheet is approximately normal to said
longitudinal axis.

2. (canceled)

3. (currently amended) The foldable electronic apparatus of claim [[2]] 1, wherein at least one of said first and second parts comprises a curved slot which receives said at least one of said first and second ends.

4. (currently amended) The foldable electronic apparatus of claim [[2]] 1, wherein said sheet is curved transversely of said centerline at both of said ends.

5. (original) The foldable electronic apparatus of claim 4, wherein, when said sheet is in said longitudinally unloaded position, said sheet is curved transversely of said axis from said first end to said second end.

6. (original) The foldable electronic apparatus of claim 5, wherein each of said first and second parts comprises a curved slot which receives a respective one of said first and second ends.

7. (original) The foldable electronic apparatus of claim 5, wherein, when said sheet is in said longitudinally unloaded position, said sheet has a uniform curvature from said first end to said second end.

8. (currently amended) The foldable electronic apparatus of claim 1, wherein ~~each of said first and second parts has a central plane~~, said first and second ends being fixed in

respective said first and second parts with said central planes at respective first and second angles to said centerline, said angles being determinative of the angle between the central planes when said sheet is in said longitudinally unloaded position.

9. (original) The foldable electronic apparatus of claim 8, wherein, in said longitudinally unloaded position, said first end is oriented about 180 degrees from said second end, whereby said central planes are at an angle of about 180 degrees less said first and second angles.

10. (original) The foldable electronic apparatus of claim 8, wherein said first angle is substantially equal to said second angle.

11. (original) The foldable electronic apparatus of claim 8, wherein each of said first and second angles is between about 15 and about 30 degrees.

12. (original) The foldable electronic apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a flexible printed circuit element extending from said first part to said second part adjacent to said elastic sheet.

13. (original) The foldable electronic apparatus of claim 1, further comprising an elastomeric sheath on said elastic sheet.

14. (original) The folding electronic apparatus of claim 1, wherein said apparatus is a mobile telephone.

15. (original) The folding electronic apparatus of claim 1, wherein said elastic sheet comprises at least two layers with an electrical connection between said first and second parts between said layers.

16. (original) The folding electronic apparatus of claim 1, wherein, in said longitudinally unloaded position, said first end is oriented less than 180 degrees from said second end.

17. (new) The folding electronic apparatus of claim 12, wherein said elastic sheet and said flexible printed circuit element form a laminate, said electronic apparatus further comprising an elastomeric sheath on said laminate.